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EXTENSIBLE DIAMETER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated June 18, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Group I, including claims 1-19 and 21-44 for further prosecution at this time.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #2217/50147).

Respectfully submitted,

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